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ONE point from our trips to Middlesbrough, Rotherham and Wigan has caused us to slip two places in the Third Division table...but don't give up hope.

There's still a long, long way to go and if the players perform in all our remaining games as they did at Springfield Park in midweek, we could win every one of them.

As Tuesday's result proved yet again, you don't always get what you deserve in this business and I felt sorry for the players because at the very least, their efforts deserved a point.

An individual error cost us a goal after 20 minutes but from then on, I felt we totally dominated the game.

In fact, we looked more like the home team throughout the second period and considering the treatment Wigan have consistently dished out to their visitors this season, that speaks volumes for our display.

At the end of the day, however, we failed to take any of our numerous scoring chances and I'm naturally concerned about the fact that we only managed one goal during the week on our travels.

That's a problem we must hope to solve this afternoon and if we continue to play with the same enthusiasm and create chances at the same rate as we did on Tuesday, I'm sure we will.

The sequence of away matches was always going to be very difficult and it goes without saying that we were hoping for a far better return than one point.

But as I've already said, all is not lost and I see no reason why we shouldn't push ourselves back up the table during the next few weeks.

Our home form since we were beaten by Fulham in September has been tremendous and if we are going to be in contention at the finish, it's essential that it remains that way.

This afternoon's game against Bolton is the first of five we face at Meadow Lane in our next seven fixtures so we MUST keep it going—and I'll be looking for our supporters to get behind the players and give them a lift.

Yet again, the backing the players received at Rotherham last Saturday was magnificent. I'm assured that there were 1,200 Notts County fans among the crowd of 3,787 and on behalf of the lads, I should like to thank you for travelling to Millmoor.

I'm only sorry that you didn't have a victory to celebrate but although you must be as disappointed as we are about recent results, please don't desert us now because we need you more than ever.

We are all in this together and everyone concerned about the welfare of Notts County has a part to play during the next 10 games—a vital period which will decide whether the club stands still or makes progress.

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THE delay in completing the signing of Paul Dolan provided an unexpected bonus last week for Dale Belford.

With transfer-deadline day fast approaching, we couldn't afford to run the risk of leaving ourselves with only one registered goalkeeper on the staff.

So as 19-year-old Belford had impressed during a fortnight's trial with us, he was offered the opportunity to revive his professional career.

Dale did his apprenticeship with Aston Villa and then spent a year as a professional with the First Division club, figuring in most of their Central League matches last season.

But after being given a free transfer during the summer, he signed for Southern League Sutton Coldfield Town—then broke an arm before the new season had even got underway.

He said: "I was out of action until December and after the disappointment of being released by Villa, one way or another it was a very depressing period.

"But I was delighted to get the chance to make a fresh start with Notts and now it's up to me to make the most of it."

NOW here's a fine bunch of men! Within a couple of hours of beating Blackpool in our last home appearance, Jimmy Sirrel led his victorious men into the water to celebrate their success—and help raise money for charity.

It was all in aid of the New Appeals Organisation for the City and County of Nottingham and we were delighted to learn this week that the annual sponsored swim raised around £9,000.

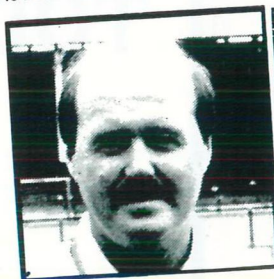
As joint chairman Sybil Levin said: "Our sincere thanks to the players and management who did us proud again—especially after such a tough match against Blackpool."

MANAGER Jimmy Sirrel and physiotherapist Wayne Jones recently attended the official opening of the Football Association's new Rehabilitation Centre at Lilleshall.

It is designed to offer specialist treatment to players suffering from serious injuries and Wayne said: "It's a superbly equipped Centre with a team of highly qualified medical people and it must benefit the game.

"All clubs have their own physio who deals with the 'everyday' injuries but every now and again players need more specialist help.

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Tuesday 31st March Kick-off 7pm.
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YOU learn something new every day and our thanks go to J. Bloomfield of Kirkintilloch Road, Lenzie, Glasgow for pointing out that former England captain Billy Wright is an ex-Notts County player.

Mr. Bloomfield sent us a programme from our War-time match against Sheffield Wednesday in September 1944.

It reveals that Billy Wright was making a guest appearance for us on that occasion, as was Davie from Brighton who scored both goals in our 2-0 victory.

Incidentally, Mr. Bloomfield wrote: "Having had a life-long interest in the fortunes of Notts County, I wish you well in your push for promotion."

WE have received a number of inquiries from supporters about the kick off times for our forthcoming matches against Mansfield Town and Bury.

In order to clarify the situation, the Third Division fixture at Field Mill on Easter Tuesday will kick off at 7.30.

And it has also been decided that the Bank Holiday clash with Bury at Meadow Lane on May 4—our final home game—will get underway at 7.30.

WE have been asked by the Notts Schools FA to point out that an Under-15 Schoolboys International between England and Switzerland—sponsored by Trustee Savings Bank—is taking place at the City Ground on Tuesday April 7.

The match will kick off at 7pm and seat tickets, costing £2.50 and £2, are now on sale at the City Ground. Standing admission will be £1.

IT seems that the prospect of watching Liverpool take on Arsenal in this year's Littlewood's Cup Final has little appeal to our supporters because we have had very few applications for tickets.

Part of our allocation of £6 standing tickets is still available so if anyone is interested in travelling to Wembley on April 5, please submit an application as soon as possible.

GUESS THE GOALS LEAGUE

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THE two-day Pop Concert which was to take place at Meadow Lane on May 23 and 24 has had to be cancelled.

Apparently the organisers—Nottingham Charity Concert Appeal—have been unable to secure the services of the top-line bands they were hoping would appear but they are already making plans to stage the event next year.

We received the news with disappointment because it promised to be a money-spinning two days for us—but no doubt there will be few complaints from groundsman Peter Thompson!

The City of Nottingham Drum and Bugle Corp will again be using the Meadow Lane facilities for their annual event in June, which will involve bands from many parts of the country.

MANSFIELD Marksman Rugby League Club are using our Executive Suite as the venue for a Sportman's Dinner on Thursday April 16.

Numbers will be strictly limited to 100 but if you would like to attend, tickets are currently on sale at the Meadow Club—priced £10.

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WAYNE FAIRCLOUGH got a brief reminder of what it's like to play League football when he helped us to victory at Doncaster earlier this month.

And that experience at Belle Vue has merely added to the frustration for 19-year-old Fairclough as he continues his fight to claim a regular first-team spot.

Although he made six full appearances last season—plus three as substitute—that outing at Doncaster was his first in the starting line-up this term.

And he said: "The frustrating thing is that I think I'm now a much better player than when I was in the team but you could say I'm stuck in a 'Catch 22' situation at the moment.

"The other lads have done so well this season that the only way I'll get a chance is if one of them gets injured or loses form—and I don't want that to happen.

"All I can do is be patient and keep working at my game. I've been generally pleased with my form this season but if I'm going to put pressure on the other players, I have to maintain the improvement."

Fairclough claims that since he arrived at Meadow Lane as an apprentice two years ago, he has appeared in every position except goalkeeper.

And he said: "Although it's all good experience and I quite enjoy seeing things from the different angles, I think I'm reaching the stage where I need to find a position.

"It's annoying sometimes when I'm just starting to get used to one job and then I'm moved around again and I'm not sure whether that's a good thing.

"At the end of the day, though, I'll play wherever I have to in order to get into the team and maybe the fact that I've had experience in every position will be to my advantage in the long-run."

ACTION PROFILE



WAYNE FAIRCLOUGH

Full name: Wayne Ricks Fairclough.

Birthplace/date: Nottingham on 27th April 1968.

Nickname: "Pancho". When I first came to Meadow Lane, the boss used to call all the apprentices "sunshine". He got slightly confused one day and called me "Panshine"...and it stemmed from that.

Schoolboy heroes: The brilliant Brazil team which won the 1970 World Cup.

Schoolboy idol: Pele—I've got some video film of him in action and still watch it regularly.

Favourite current players: Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle and Forest's Stuart Pearce.

Hobbies: All sports—especially cricket.

Favourite food: Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Car: My dad's...when he lets me borrow it!

Career highlights: My League debut at Darlington last season and playing against Tottenham in the FA Cup.

Biggest disappointment: Not figuring in the first-team more often this season.

Favourite TV programmes: The Cosbys and any sports programme except horse racing.

Favourite musicians: Raze and Steve Hurley.

Biggest influence on career: Mick Walker, John Newton (he was a coach at Forest when I was involved with them as a schoolboy) and my brother Chris.

Person you would most like to meet: Mike Tyson—from a distance.

Job you would most like to do when you finish playing: Anything connected with sport.



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THE long wait finally came to an end this week when we completed the signing of Canadian World Cup goalkeeper Paul Dolan.

We have been on the trail of the strapping six-footer from Vancouver since he made a big impression in Mexico during the summer—that's why we were reluctant to sign a deputy for Mick Leonard during the first half of the season.

But just when we had almost given up hope of clinching a deal to bring Dolan to Meadow Lane, we finally managed to obtain a work-permit—and now there's intense competition for the No. 1 spot.

The delay has been every bit as frustrating for 20-year-old Dolan, of course, and since spending three months with Sheffield Wednesday earlier this season, he's been waiting and wondering whether he would ever get the chance to return to England.

He said: "Howard Wilkinson invited me to train with Sheffield Wednesday after the World Cup and I enjoyed that spell very much.

"I learned a lot from the experience and although I went home to Canada in November, I really wanted to have a crack at English football."

Dolan was involved with Vancouver Whitecaps until they went out of business following the collapse of the North American League three years ago and since then, has been without a club.

But working with Canada's national squad in preparation for the World Cup, the Olympic Games and World Championships has been virtually a full-time job for him and he hasn't been short of action.

In fact, the national squad are currently on a brief tour of this country and he figured in a match against an England Select XI at Bisham Abbey last weekend.

He added: "The problem was that as Whitecaps were the only senior club in Canada, when the League collapsed the only alternative was to play in the Indoor League.

"I didn't really fancy that although when it seemed I wouldn't be able to get a work permit to join an English club, I was considering an offer to play in Seattle.

"The outdoor game is far more appealing to me and I'm delighted that the move to Notts has finally gone through.

"To be honest, apart from watching them on television a few times during their period in the First Division, I don't know anything about Notts County.

"But I took a liking to the English way of life during my time at Sheffield and I see it as a tremendous challenge to try and make the grade in this country.

I'm still a bachelor so there are no family ties in that sense and I've got a great opportunity to develop my career."

Dolan's only appearance during Canada's debut in the World Cup Finals was in a 1-0 defeat by France and that was an experience which convinced him he would have to try his luck in the professional game.

Since then, he has gone on to establish himself as his country's first-choice goalkeeper and has already made 24 appearances for the national team.

He is ambitious to add to that tally and has set his sights on figuring in the next Olympic Games but in the meantime, there are other targets to be met.

And on top of that list is to really make an impact during his time at Meadow Lane.



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IT was not the happiest of introductions to English football for our new goalkeeper Paul Dolan against Huddersfield at Leeds Road on Wednesday night.

We suffered a 5-0 defeat against a side that is clearly the best in the Division and although we looked the better team in the first ten minutes, we suffered from then until the end.

After that promising start, we conceded three goals in a nightmare five minute spell and I had to feel sorry for our goalkeeper because he wasn't to blame.

It was still 3-0 at half time but Huddersfield added two more in the second half and our only hope of reducing the deficit laid with Richard Young, who did quite well up front.

Team: Dolan, Benjamin, Snook, Harbottle, Jackson, Fairclough, Moran, Slade, Young, Downing, Mead, Sub: Atkin.

The kick-off for last week's Central League fixture had to be delayed for 55 minutes because the Bolton team-coach broke down en-route to Meadow Lane.



RICHARD YOUNG...battled way at Huddersfield.

But we didn't hang around once the game finally got underway and our 3-0 victory was every bit as convincing as the scoreline suggested.

Russell Slade gave us a first-half lead after Richard Young had flicked on a corner and Slade grabbed another during the second period with a neat far-post header.

In between, Wayne Moran—a young trialist from the Liverpool area—was on target to make it two goals in two appearances for our reserves.

Team: Belford, Benjamin, Snook, Mead, Jackson, Fairclough, Moran, Slade, Young, Clarke, Downing. Sub: Atkin.

The A team have drawn their last two matches in the Midland Intermediate League but on both occasions, a draw was a pleasing result.

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The first was a goalless affair at Shrewsbury and as the Second Division club are always fairly strong at this level, it was a more than useful performance.

We had a few close shaves—especially when a shot struck a post and a header was cleared off the line—but I felt we were worth a point in the end.

It was a similar tale against Derby County at Raynesway last Saturday because they turned out an identical team to the one which had held Liverpool Reserves to a draw earlier in the week.

Paul Barnes shot us into a first half lead and although we had to settle for a 1-1 draw when Derby equalised immediately after the interval, Wayne Fairclough very nearly grabbed a late winner when he twice had shots cleared off the line.

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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Bradford City	22	12	3	7	57	39	39
Grimsby Town	25	11	5	9	4	36	38
Doncaster Rovers	23	12	2	9	45	43	38
Blackpool	24	11	4	9	43	38	37
Scunthorpe United	22	10	5	7	30	27	35
Barnsley	25	9	6	10	42	41	33
Preston North End	21	10	2	9	41	35	32
Stoke City	21	10	2	9	29	32	32
Wigan Athletic	22	7	6	9	37	42	27
Rotherham United	21	7	4	10	36	38	25
Bolton Wanderers	22	5	9	8	38	44	24
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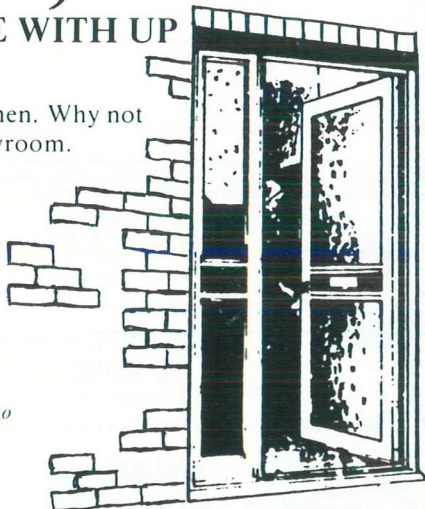
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BOLTON WANDERERS must have felt they had turned the corner last Saturday when a late goal by Steve Elliott gave them victory against Walsall.

It was only their second success in 14 League matches but after another defeat at Swindon in midweek, Wanderers now face a battle to avoid dropping into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

It has been a disappointing year for them—especially as big things were expected in Phil Neal's first full season as player-manager.

There was more than a passing suggestion last season that the former Liverpool and England star was getting things to his liking towards the end of last term and when Wanderers went to Wembley in the Freight Rover Trophy, it seemed that the club was about to take off.

But that hasn't happened and they arrive here this afternoon in desperate need of points to haul them clear of relegation trouble.

The major problem in recent months has been an acute shortage of goals and that's surprising when you consider the players they have lining up in their attack.

Tony Caldwell has been Bolton's leading scorer for the past three seasons and since signing from local club Horwich RMI in 1983, has averaged a goal in every other game.

And although former Forest player Steve Elliott, has been less prolific, he always got his share of goals during his spells with Preston, Luton and Walsall.

Nevertheless, with only two goals to show from Bolton's last seven outings, that's clearly the main area

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of concern for manager Neal because ironically, he must be reasonably pleased with their defensive record.

It certainly makes respectable reading for a club faced with a relegation battle although it's going to be interesting to see how the loss of left back Jimmy Phillips, who he recently moved to Glasgow Rangers, effects them.

Neal recalled himself to fill the left back spot when Phillips departed and there's certainly no shortage of experience in the Bolton back-four.

Dave Sutton, a £12,000 buy from Huddersfield in the summer of 1985, has made more than 400 League appearances and was involved in two promotion triumphs at Leeds Road before moving to Plymouth.

Alongside him in the centre of defence, Mark Came continues to make good progress after making the massive leap from North West Counties League football with Winsford United and Derek Scott seems to have settled into the right back spot.

A former England Schools international, Scott spent 11 seasons with Burnley before moving to Bolton for £20,000 in the summer of 1985 and is regarded as the most versatile member of the Wanderers staff.

Much-travelled goalkeeper David Felgate, who failed to make the first-team when he began his career at Burnden Park but moved away to make more than 300 appearances for six other clubs, is now back where he started.

And there's a mixture of youth and experience in midfield with Asa Hartford at one end of the scale and Julian Darby, a Bolton-born youngster who made his League debut 12 months ago, at the other.

Somewhere in the middle are Warren Joyce, who is now in his fifth season at Burnden Park, and former Leeds United winger Mark Gavin, who became Neal's first signing when he moved from Carlisle United for a small fee in April.

THE BOSS

PHIL NEAL collected a record eighth League Championship medal last May—even though he had severed his connections with Liverpool five months earlier.

In his 11 years at Anfield, he also collected numerous European Cup and League Cup medals—plus 50 England caps—and is the most decorated player in the game today.

Since starting his career with Northampton Town, Neal has made more than 700 senior appearances and it was no surprise when Bolton gave him an early chance in management in December 1975.

Although he hasn't found it easy on the 'other side of the fence', he still managed to add to his medal collection within months of taking charge at Burnden Park when he took Wanderers to Wembley for the Freight Rover Trophy Final.



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WHEN WE LAST MET

WE managed to end a sequence of five successive defeats at Burnden Park when we last met up with Bolton Wanderers in October.

But there was more than a touch of fortune in the way we secured a point from a 1-1 draw—even though we felt we deserved some return from a generally disappointing match.

George Oghani scored for Wanderers after 35 minutes and we were struggling to get ourselves back on level terms when Asa Hartford sliced an attempted clearance into his own net.

In last season's two meetings a second half goal by Jimmy Phillips gave Wanderers the points at Burnden Park and a solitary goal also settled the outcome of the game at Meadow Lane.

It was in our favour on that occasion, however, and it was an especially memorable day for young Dean Yates because he provided the goal—his first in League football.

**STAR
CHOICE**

CONSIDERING that Asa Hartford once missed out on a move to Leeds United because he had a heart problem, he has had a remarkable career.

That was in his early days with West Bromwich Albion and since then, Hartford has made more than 650 League

appearances for six clubs—and collected 50 Scotland caps.

Although his spell at Forest was brief—he only played three games—his midfield skill and industry has served Albion, Manchester City, Everton and Norwich well over the years.

And the same has applied since he joined Bolton because he appeared in every League game last season and remains an influential player.

BACK ROW (left to right): Mark Came, Mike Salmon, Kevin Mailey, Simon Farnworth, Jimmy Phillips.

MIDDLE ROW: Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach), Steve Thompson, Mark Winstanley, George Oghani, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Warren Joyce, Paul Clarke, Colin Irwin (Coach), Peter Nightingale (Physiotherapist).

FRONT ROW: Paul Allen, Julian Darby, Mark Gavin, Phil Neal (Player/Manager), Derek Scott, Tony Caldwell, Asa Hartford.

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TICKETS are now on sale for this year's Junior Magpies Grand Raffle and I would urge all Notts County fans to support a worthy cause.

The object of the exercise is to raise money which can be used to help improve facilities for the youngsters and we are looking to give the Amenities Fund a substantial boost.

The tickets cost just 25p each and are available from members of the Parents Committee this afternoon so please make a point of buying one.

The star prize is a 14" colour portable television set and there will also be plenty of other prizes which are well worth winning.

*The draw for the Grand Raffle will take place on Sunday May 10 when we are staging the Junior Magpies "Player of the Year" Disco at the Meadow Club.

Please make a note of that date—it's the day after we will have hopefully clinched promotion in the final fixture at York—because we need your support to celebrate the end of a memorable season in style.

Tickets for the Disco will be available shortly and now's the time to start thinking about who will earn your vote as "Player of the Year" because a coupon will appear in the match programme for the game against Chester on April 18.

*Congratulations to the two winning teams in the Junior Magpies Five-a-side Football Tournament—and to members of the Parents Committee who organised the event like clock-work.

It took place before our last home game against Blackpool and was so successful that we are already making plans to stage a repeat in the not too distant future.

Five teams were involved in the over-13 section and Team 'A' took the honours. It was only by the narrowest of margins, however, after they had won three and lost one of the matches.

Goal-difference eventually settled it in favour of Darren Ferris, Mark Lessiter, Cory Whyler, Dave Marshall and Steven Murden.

In the under-13 section, Team 'D' emerged as champions with four victories and a defeat from their five matches and their line-up was: Steve Buxton, Tim Bradd, Ian Marsden, Matthew Allen and Stuart Gadsby.

Trophies will be presented to the winning teams at the "Player of the Year" Disco.

*Congratulations are also in order for members of the Junior Magpies under-13 football team who recorded a resounding 13-0 victory against Ripley Rams in the Junior Rams League.

Roy Sharpe was the star of the show with eight goals while Danny Baleguero weighed in with four and Tim Bradd completed the tally.

*The last in the series of five Junior Magpies Quiz Competitions—sponsored by Michael Perston & Partners—will be staged at the home game against Chester on April 18.



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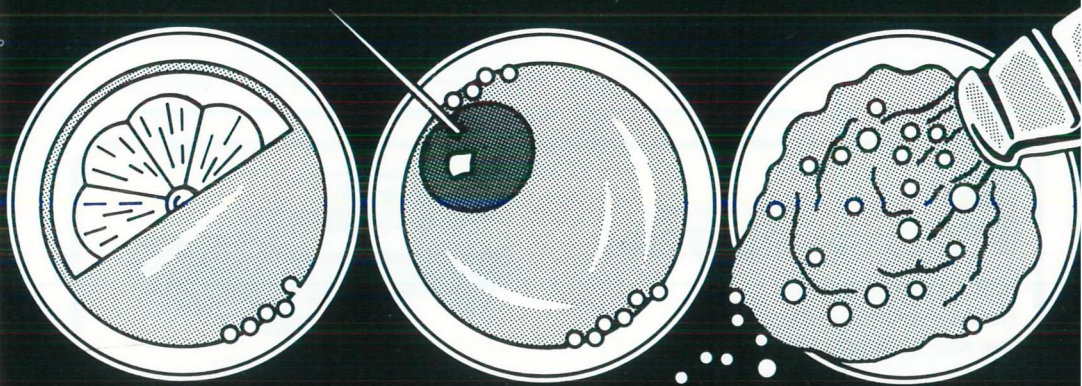
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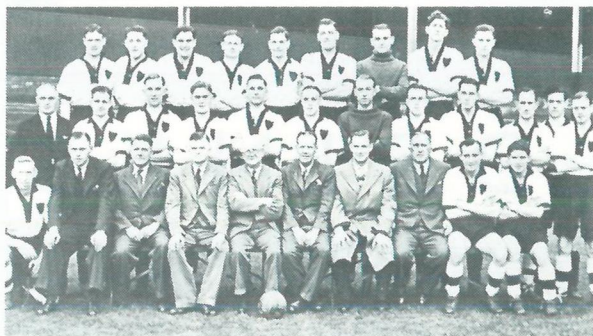
Seasons Past

with COLIN SLATER



TODAY WE REMEMBER

1946-47



The line-up for the 1946-47 season with new Canadian arrival Fred Whittaker, not having time to change into team kit, fourth from the right on the front row.

GOING to Canada for a new player may be eye-catching stuff but, in County's case, there's nothing new in it! Thirty-one years ago, when 'foreign' players from any overseas country were as rare in the Football League as snowflakes in July, Notts startled the soccer world with a transfer trek across the Atlantic.

The normal Football League programme had been abandoned during the war, though plenty of matches had been played on a regionalised basis with players 'guesting' with clubs near their services barracks. Sometimes, incidentally, it seemed as if such players were permanently 'on loan', for they turned out for the same club season after season. How very obliging of the service authorities to leave them posted in the same place!

When the war was over it was a lovely touch on the

part of the Football League to decide that the fixtures for the 1946-47 season should be the very same as those drawn up for the abandoned 1939-40 campaign. It was back to business as usual, after Mr. Hitler's interruption.

But, of course, there were changes. Major Frank Buckley had been County's manager at the start of the war but in May, 1946, he resigned to move to Walsall...and later, of course, to Wolves where he became both famous and very successful.

Arthur Stollery succeeded him, arriving from Chelsea, and for one of his very first signings flying to Canada for the signature of centre forward Fred Whittaker.

Whittaker played in the first post-war match, at home to Bournemouth, in front of a crowd of 39,000 and Cyril Brown scored the only Notts goal. It would have been a nice piece of soccer romance if

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the new boy from Vancouver had scored, but it was not to be.

Notts were, of course, in the Third Division (South). They had played Bournemouth in August, 1939 before the war meant an abandonment of the programme and it's neat to recall that Notts won both matches, 2-1 in the first instance then 1-0 seven years later.

Sadly, Whittaker did not settle down at Notts, the transition to a different style of British game proving not to be to his liking.

But in view of this week's transfer events at Meadow Lane, it's fascinating to recall that Whittaker starred in two matches when he was called upon, in an emergency, to play in goal.

Regular goalkeeper Harry Brown was stranded in Aldershot, where he was still on Army service, when Notts played Bristol City and Reading. Whittaker was chosen to take his place, let in only one goal at Bristol (the result was 1-1) and then maintained a clean sheet against Reading and County won 1-0!

It was Whittaker's only season, as Notts finished 12th, and during the summer Fred Evans was bought from Portsmouth to replace him. And then, shortly afterwards, in November, 1947 the centre forward problem was solved with the arrival from Chelsea of Tommy Lawton.



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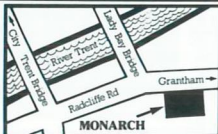
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FLASHBACK

TEN YEARS AGO...

BRIAN STUBBS returned after injury to figure in a goalless draw against Blackburn Rovers at Meadow Lane and the big defender also made headlines the following week when we travelled to Orient.

For when Stubbs unluckily put the ball into his own net during the second half, it proved to be the only goal of the game and brought to an end our unbeaten run of eight matches.

The promotion challenge was soon revived on March 28, however, although there was plenty of tension and excitement before we finally collected the points against Sheffield United at Meadow Lane.

The signs looked ominous when Keith Edwards gave United a first half lead but Steve Carter emerged as the hero of a determined fight-back and after grabbing an equaliser, he clinched a 2-1 win from the penalty spot to lift us back into sixth place.

FIVE YEARS AGO...

IT was **Iain McCulloch's** big day on March 24 when we travelled to The Hawthorns for a midweek fixture with West Bromwich Albion and he scored what proved to be the one and only hat trick of his League career.

Although Cyrille Regis put Albion ahead before half time, McCulloch ripped their defence apart in the second period to inspire a splendid 4-2 victory—our first success in five games.

Gordon Mair was also on target while Andy King grabbed a second for Albion and McCulloch's display so impressed Scotland boss Jock Stein that it earned him a place in the Under-21 internationals against England.

More valuable points were collected three days later when Leeds United came to Meadow Lane and again, we had to come from behind to record a 2-1 success.

New signing Frank Worthington volleyed Leeds in front in typically spectacular fashion but Rachid Harkouk and David Hunt applied the finishing touches as we hit back in style.

ONE YEAR AGO...

OUR hopes of progressing in the Freight Rover Trophy were ended when Noel Luke's second half goal gave Mansfield Town a 1-0 win at Meadow Lane and that result meant we had failed to score in five successive matches.

The famine finally ended when we went to Lincoln and won 2-0 and ironically, it was Mick Waitt who grabbed both goals after going on as a substitute when David Hunt suffered an injury which was to keep him out for the rest of the season.

After playing for 528 minutes without scoring, there was considerable cause for celebration but although we moved up into seventh place in the Third Division, any lingering thoughts of promotion were killed off on May 29.

Jimmy Sirrel had been forced to react quickly when Everton recalled Bobby Mimms on transfer-deadline day and the problem was solved when John Davies agreed to join us on loan from Hull City.

But there was an unhappy start for Davies—and his new colleagues—when Brantford came to Meadow Lane and handed out a 4-0 beating with goals from Robbie Cooke (2), Steve Burke and Ian Holloway.

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Friday 13th certainly did not prove unlucky for Yvette Harvey for it was on that night that she was 'crowned' Miss Wrangler Notts County 1987. The annual event, which is organised by the Supporters Club, was again an outstanding success with a packed Meadow Club witnessing an impressive array of female beauty in the shape of 22 contestants. Yvette, aged 21, from Nottingham scooped the 1st prize of £100 cash together with a £100 Wrangler Clothes Voucher. The runners up were Marie Walls from Balderton and Michelle Britton from Radcliffe on Trent who each received both cash and Clothes Vouchers as prizes. The entertaining contest was expertly compered by Radio Trent's Jon Peters and the Judging panel comprised, in addition to representatives from contest sponsors Wrangler, Youth Coach Mick Walker, Commercial Manager Elaine Howes and young defender Eddie Snook. The Supporters Club would like to express sincere thanks to sponsors Wrangler (UK) for their valued support.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Due to the re-arrangement of a Reserve Team game at Meadow Lane it will not now be possible to hold

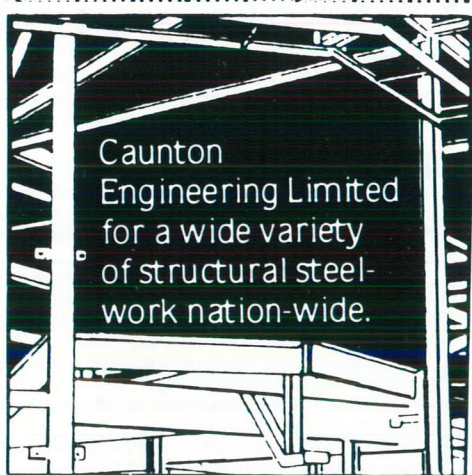
the player of the Year Awards in the Meadow Club on Thursday 23rd April. The date has now been re-arranged for Thursday 7th May. This years event will be compered by Radio Nottingham's Colin Slator and promises to be a gala occasion with a brand new format and several innovations. Tickets for this sellout event will shortly be on sale from the Meadow Club priced £2.50.

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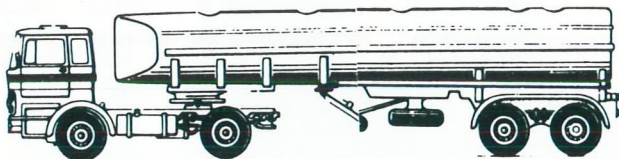
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Coming through your door shortly will be the next issue of the Lifeline newsletter. A Full Calendar of social & sporting events will be listed and we hope you will give them your full support—after all the plan was worked out from your request and suggestions.

Don't forget on Monday the draw will take place at Linroy Travel for the second of our fabulous holiday prizes.

The draw will be made by our new Canadian Goalkeeper Paul Dolan. We have revised the time of the draw which will now take place at 1.30pm. Remember the Linroy Travel Shop is at 93 Melton Road, West Bridgford.

Ties and headsquares are now available for collection from the Lifeline Office. Please produce your membership card at the time of calling.

Next weeks £1000 draw will take place on Monday April 6th in the Players Social Club on Aspley Lane at 9pm.

The Cabaret originally planned for Wednesday April 8th has now been cancelled. If, however, you're looking for entertainment that evening Lifeline members may purchase tickets to watch top group Magic in the Meadow Club at the special price of £2 each.



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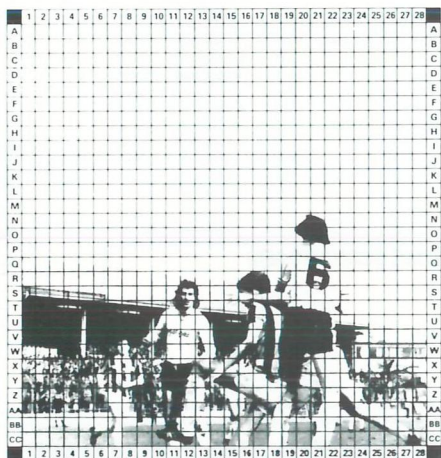
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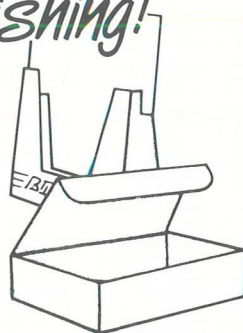
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Date	Opponents	Score	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Aug 23	WIGAN ATHLETIC	2-0	3,533	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	THOMPSON	HUNT	WAITT	GOODWIN
Aug 26	PORT VALE(LCC1)	1-3	2,127	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	THOMPSON	HUNT	WAITT	GOODWIN
Aug 31	Swindon Town	2-1	7,350	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	THOMPSON	GOODWIN	WAITT	HUNT
Sept 3	Port Vale(LCC1)	1-4	3,436	LEONARD	BENJAMIN	DAVIS	YATES	SIMS	HUNT	THOMPSON	GOODWIN	WAITT	CLARKE
Sept 6	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	1-1	3,610	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	THOMPSON	GOODWIN	WAITT	HUNT
Sept 13	Darlington	1-2	1,814	LEONARD	SMALLEY	CLARKE	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	THOMPSON	GOODWIN	WAITT	HUNT
Sept 16	Port Vale	1-1	3,675	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	THOMPSON	GOODWIN	WAITT	HUNT
Sept 20	FULHAM	2-3	4,452	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	BENJAMIN	SIMS	YATES	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	HUNT
Sept 27	Chesterfield	2-1	3,249	LEONARD	BENJAMIN	DAVIS	THOMPSON	SIMS	YATES	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	HUNT
Sept 30	BRISTOL ROVERS	3-0	3,409	LEONARD	BENJAMIN	DAVIS	THOMPSON	SIMS	YATES	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	HUNT
Oct 4	Bolton Wanderers	1-1	4,248	LEONARD	BENJAMIN	DAVIS	THOMPSON	SIMS	YATES	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
Oct 11	ROTHERHAM UNITED	5-0	4,132	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	SIMS(2)	YATES	McPARLAND(2)	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
Oct 18	Blackpool	1-3	5,325	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
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Nov 4	Brentford	0-1	3,057	CRICHTON	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
Nov 8	WALSALL	2-1	5,266	CRICHTON	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
Nov 15	CARLISLE F.A.C.1	1-1	4,629	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
Nov 18	Carlisle F.A.Cup(R)	3-0	3,742	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND(2)	HUNT	YOUNG	KEVAN
Nov 22	Gillingham	1-3	5,239	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	HUNT	YOUNG	KEVAN
Nov 25	GILLINGHAM FRT	0-5	1,668	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	YOUNG	KEVAN
Nov 29	BRISTOL CITY	2-0	3,987	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Dec 7	MIDDLESBROUGH F.A.Cup 2	0-1	7,415	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Dec 13	YORK CITY	5-1	3,841	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON(2)	YATES(2)	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Dec 21	Carlisle United	2-0	2,811	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Dec 26	MANSFIELD TOWN	0-0	8,820	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Dec 27	Bury	2-0	3,232	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Jan 3	GILLINGHAM	3-1	5,792	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	1McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT(3)	KEVAN
Jan 5	Northampton FRT	0-3	3,578	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	YOUNG	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Jan 24	AFC Bournemouth	0-3	6,022	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	BENJAMIN	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Jan 31	DARLINGTON	2-2	4,196	LEONARD	BENJAMIN	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES(2)	SMALLEY	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Feb 7	PORT VALE	4-1	5,274	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND(3)	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Feb 14	Fulham	1-3	3,054	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Feb 17	Chester	2-1	2,784	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Feb 21	CHESTERFIELD	2-1	5,020	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND(2)	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Feb 28	Bristol Rovers	0-0	2,978	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	JACKSON	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Mar 3	NEWPORT	5-2	3,814	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	JACKSON	McPARLAND(2)	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Mar 7	Doncaster Rovers	2-1	2,564	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	FAIRCLOUGH	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT(2)	KEVAN
Mar 14	BLACKPOOL	3-2	5,920	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Mar 17	Middlesbrough	0-2	9,845	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Mar 21	Rotherham United	1-1	3,787	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Mar 24	Wigan	0-1	3,171	LEONARD	SMALLEY	DAVIS	THOMPSON	YATES	HUNT	McPARLAND	GOODWIN	WAITT	KEVAN
Mar 28	BOLTON WANDERERS												
Apr 4	Walsall												
Apr 11	BRENTFORD												
Apr 18	CHESTER												
Apr 21	Mansfield Town												
Apr 26	CARLISLE UNITED												
Apr 28	SWINDON												
May 2	Bristol City												
May 4	BURY												
May 9	York City												

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	MANCHESTER UNITED v FOREST	H	MANSFIELD v YORK
B	LEICESTER v MANCHESTER CITY	I	MIDDLESBROUGH v ROTHERHAM
C	DERBY v HUDDERSFIELD	J	WALSALL v BLACKPOOL
D	PORTSMOUTH v SUNDERLAND	K	WIGAN v SWINDON
E	BOURNEMOUTH v DARLINGTON	L	ARSENAL v EVERTON
F	BRISTOL CITY v CHESTER	M	LUTON v TOTTENHAM
G	BURY v GILLINGHAM	N	CARLISLE v DONCASTER

THE TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth ..	35	15	2	1	38	14	6	5	6	21	22	70
Middlesbrough ..	35	12	2	2	28	9	8	5	6	23	18	67
Swindon	33	12	1	4	30	16	8	5	3	26	16	66
Notts County ..	36	13	1	3	45	16	6	5	8	20	26	65
Gillingham	35	13	4	2	35	12	5	3	8	20	26	61
Bristol City	34	10	4	2	34	11	6	5	7	18	17	57
Wigan	32	10	5	2	35	19	6	1	8	24	26	54
Blackpool	35	8	6	3	29	14	5	7	6	35	30	52
Mansfield	36	6	7	4	22	19	6	7	6	20	22	50
Walsall	32	9	2	3	31	20	4	4	10	23	34	45
Chesterfield	36	9	4	5	32	29	2	8	8	16	26	45
Chester	32	5	9	3	26	21	4	7	4	22	21	43
Doncaster	34	10	6	3	28	15	1	4	10	16	33	43
Rotherham	37	6	6	7	21	21	5	4	9	18	28	43
Port Vale	34	6	6	6	32	28	4	5	7	18	24	41
Brentford	35	7	5	6	30	26	3	6	8	17	28	41
Bolton	36	7	4	7	26	22	2	8	8	15	27	39
Bury	35	6	5	6	22	22	3	6	9	19	25	38
Fulham	35	5	7	5	26	29	3	7	8	21	30	38
York	35	8	6	3	24	22	1	4	13	17	4	37
Bristol Rovers ..	33	4	7	4	12	17	5	3	10	21	40	37
Darlington	33	5	9	5	19	22	0	5	9	15	36	29
Newport	35	2	7	7	15	23	4	4	11	21	38	29
Carlisle	33	5	4	8	22	29	2	3	11	10	28	28

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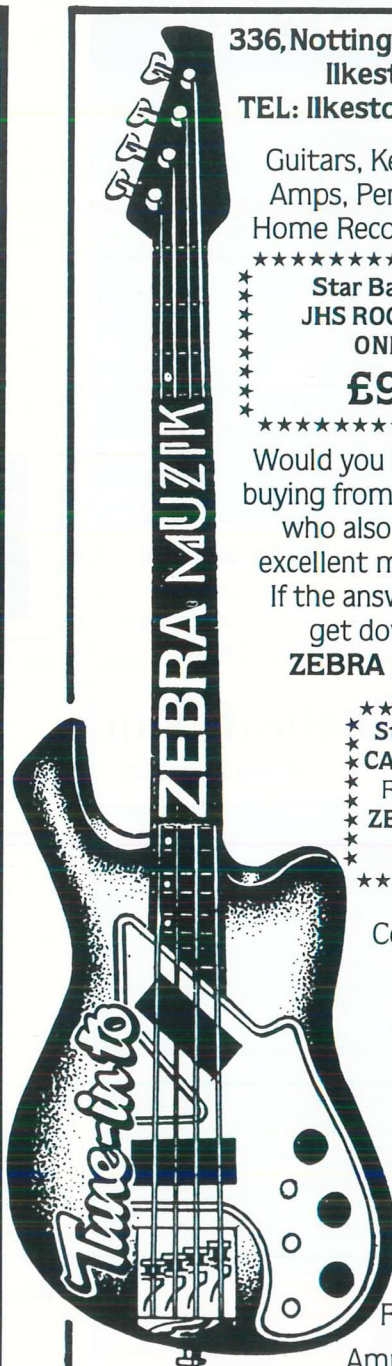
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VOUCHER

Date	Opponents	F A
27.8.86	WIGAN ATHLETIC	0-3
4.9.86	Port Vale	1-0
9.9.86	GRIMSBY TOWN	1-2
17.9.86	Doncaster Rovers	3-2
23.9.86	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	P
1.10.86	Huddersfield TOWN	0-1
8.10.86	Bolton Wanderers	2-2
13.10.86	BRADFORD CITY	1-4
22.10.86	Blackpool	2-5
28.10.86	BARNSELY	0-2
5.11.86	Rotherham United	0-4
12.11.86	West Bromwich Albion	0-2
18.11.86	STOKE CITY	1-3
26.11.86	Scunthorpe United	1-0
2.12.86	YORK CITY	2-1
10.12.86	Darlington	3-4
16.12.86	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-2
6.1.87	PRESTON NORTH END	0-3
13.1.87	Wigan Athletic	P
20.1.87	PORT VALE	P
27.1.87	Grimsby Town	3-0
2.2.87	Wolverhampton Wanderers	P
10.2.87	DONCASTER ROVERS	2-3
18.2.87	Stoke City	0-0
24.2.87	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	0-1
4.3.87	BLACKPOOL	1-0
10.3.87	Bradford City	2-3
18.3.87	BOLTON WANDERERS	3-0
25.3.87	Huddersfield Town	0-5
31.3.87	ROTHERHAM UNITED	
8.4.87	Barnsley	
15.4.87	York City	
28.4.87	Preston North End	
5.5.87	DARLINGTON	

23.8.86	Coventry City	1-2
30.8.86	LEICESTER CITY	4-1
6.9.86	Port Vale	0-2
13.9.86	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1-4
20.9.86	West Bromwich Albion	2-1
27.9.86	PORTR VALE	1-1
4.10.86	Stoke City	2-1
11.10.86	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	1-1
18.10.86	Chesterfield (Cup)	3-0
25.10.86	PETERBOROUGH UNITED (Cup)	4-2
1.11.86	Derby County (Cup)	1-5
8.11.86	MANSFIELD TOWN	P
15.11.86	Nottingham Forest	1-8
22.11.86	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	4-7
29.11.86	Mansfield Town	1-2
6.12.86	LEICESTER CITY	0-1
13.12.86	WALSALL	3-1
20.12.86	ASTON VILLA	5-2
27.12.86	COVENTRY CITY	P
3.1.87	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	5-2
10.1.87	SHREWSBURY TOWN	P
17.1.87	STOKE CITY	P
24.1.87	Leicester City	1-4
31.1.87	COVENTRY CITY	2-2
7.2.87	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-2
14.2.87	MANSFIELD TOWN	0-3
21.2.87	DERBY COUNTY	1-2
28.2.87	Birmingham City	0-3
7.3.87	Walsall	P
14.3.87	Shrewsbury Town	0-0
21.3.87	Derby County	1-1
28.3.87	Aston Villa	
4.4.87	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
11.4.87	Peterborough United	
18.4.87	CHESTERFIELD	
25.4.87	Nottingham Forest	

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